

1                               BEFORE THE  
2                               ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

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4                               PUBLIC UTILITY REGULAR OPEN  
5                               MEETING

6                               Chicago, Illinois  
7                               Tuesday, March 16, 2010

8               Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m. in  
9       the Video Conference Hearing Room, Eighth Floor,  
10      160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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12      PRESENT:

13           MANUEL FLORES, Acting Chairman

14           LULA M. FORD, Commissioner

15           ERIN M. O'CONNELL-DIAZ, Commissioner

16           SHERMAN J. ELLIOTT, Commissioner  
17           via videoconference

18           JOHN T. COLGAN, Acting Commissioner  
19           via videoconference

20           SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by  
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1           CHAIRMAN FLORES: Pursuant to the provisions of  
2     the Illinois Open Meetings Act, I now convene a  
3     regularly scheduled open meeting of the Illinois  
4     Commerce Commission.

5                     With me in Chicago are Commissioners  
6     Ford and O'Connell-Diaz. With me in Springfield via  
7     videoconference are Commissioner Elliott and Acting  
8     Commissioner Colgan. I am Acting Chairman Flores.  
9     We have a quorum this morning.

10                    Before moving into the agenda,  
11     pursuant to Section 1700.10 of the Illinois  
12     Administrative Code, this is the time that we allow  
13     for members of the public to address the Commission.  
14     Members of the public wishing to address the  
15     Commission must notify the Chief Clerk's Office at  
16     least 24 hours prior to the bench session.

17                    Please be advised that while the  
18     Commission values the public's participation in the  
19     public comment period, according to ex parte laws and  
20     other procedural rules, we are unable to respond.  
21     However, if members of the public have any questions  
22     or would like to further -- to make further

1 inquiries, please contact our Consumer Services  
2 Division.

3 According to the Chief Clerk's Office,  
4 we have five requests to speak this morning.  
5 Speakers are permitted 3 minutes to address the  
6 Commission.

7 First we have Trustee Niemiec.

8 Miss Niemiec.

9 MS. LAURAL WARD: Ms. Niemiec was unable to  
10 attend. She had a family emergency.

11 CHAIRMAN FLORES: I hope everything is okay.  
12 Very good. Thank you.

13 Next we have Trustee Laural Ward.

14 MS. LAURAL WARD: Thank you. Good morning.

15 CHAIRMAN FLORES: Good morning.

16 MS. LAURAL WARD: My name is Laural Ward. And  
17 I'm here not as a trustee but as a concerned resident  
18 of the Village of Homer Glen. I'm concerned because  
19 our community cannot prosper without access to  
20 essential services at fair and reasonable rates. I'm  
21 concerned about Docket No. 09-0319 because we need  
22 water and sewer to survive, let alone to thrive.

1                   I'd like to share a short parable to  
2   express my thoughts about this Illinois American rate  
3   increase. Please consider the following: A  
4   gentleman in our community wants to install a paver  
5   brick driveway. He calls a paver supply company and  
6   says, I need four pallets of pavers. The supply rep  
7   explains that she would prepare a quote, but just so  
8   you know, there will be a charge for delivery and  
9   four pallets of paver requires a 20-foot truck.

10                  Homer needs those pavers delivered to  
11   home his home so I says, I understand, please send me  
12   the quote. But when he gets the quote he is shocked  
13   and immediately calls the supply company to inform  
14   them they've made a mistake. I've asked you for four  
15   pallets of pavers and you've quoted me five. That's  
16   right, said the rep. You see, we lost pavers along  
17   the way, so sometimes the load is not properly  
18   strapped down and pavers fall off the truck.

19   Sometimes the driver stops for lunch and since the  
20   truck is not secure, people might steal some of the  
21   pavers. And there are houses in construction in your  
22   area and they may need pavers for their project and

1     they may take some of them, too. So we have to  
2     charge for five loads of -- pallets of pavers or we  
3     will lose money.

4                     Homer is stunned, but he also wants to  
5     know why he's being charged for two 45-foot trucks  
6     when he was told he only needed one 20-foot truck.  
7     Oh, said the rep, trust us. It's better that way.  
8     We can make more deliveries. If we can get other  
9     customers that need pavers, we can deliver your order  
10    then continue on down the road and deliver theirs,  
11    too. It's more efficient that way and saves money.

12                    But why are you sending two trucks,  
13    asks Homer? Oh, no, said the rep, you misunderstand.  
14    We're not sending two trucks, we're just charging you  
15    for two. We need to expand our operations in the  
16    future and we need to buy another truck.

17                    I don't get it, cries Homer. Why  
18    should I pay for your lost pavers and your expansion  
19    plans? Shouldn't that be paid for by the investors  
20    in your company and repaid by your future customers?  
21    The rep simply responds, Why should we do that when  
22    we can charge you?

1                   So what does Homer do? He does what  
2   any intelligent consumer does. And he says, No thank  
3   you, and he calls another supplier. But Homer Glen  
4   residents don't have that option. We don't have  
5   another water supply company, neither do our schools  
6   and our other taxing districts, our businesses, our  
7   senior citizens, our community organization, our  
8   charities. The only place we can look is to you, the  
9   ICC.

10                  Don't give Illinois America more money  
11   with the promise that they'll improve things.  
12   Please, make them improve things first. Make them  
13   accountable for their business practices, their  
14   business decisions and their own investments.  
15   Approving this request is like giving them a blank  
16   check and saying, Do what you want.

17                  These are challenging economic times.  
18   Tell Illinois American the State of Illinois is now  
19   scrutinizing financial matters and demanding  
20   accountability. Tell them the State of Illinois will  
21   be vigilantly protecting ratepayers and helping  
22   return our state to a position of economic strength.

1                   So I ask you, what would you do with  
2   the quote like the one Homer received? Thank you for  
3   your time.

4           CHAIRMAN FLORES: Thank you, Trustee Ward.

5                   Next we have Avis Gibons.

6           MS. AVIS GIBONS: Good morning. Avis Gibons,  
7   resident of Mount Prospect. I actually want to  
8   address three dockets before the ICC. Thank you for  
9   your opportunity and attention.

10                   The first is 09-0151, approval of  
11   reconciliation to purchase water and purchase sewer  
12   charges. Illinois-American Water hasn't offered an  
13   explanation and justification for increasing the  
14   maximum tariffed, unaccounted for water percentages  
15   by 1.25 percent. I ask that you please limit the  
16   recovery of these costs to the percentages contained  
17   in Illinois-American Water's tariffs.

18                   The second docket, 09-0251 on the  
19   agenda today, proposed implementation of the QIP  
20   surcharge rider. The Commission has emphasized the  
21   technicalities in this case and reminded us that a  
22   rider is not a rate filing. With all due respect,

1     this is an artificial distinction as far as customers  
2     are concerned. Any vehicle that increases our costs  
3     is a rate increase, whatever terminology is used to  
4     describe it. Furthermore, the fact that law or rule  
5     provides for filing of a surcharge rider does not  
6     relieve the filing entity to need to provide  
7     justification, whether an additional charge is billed  
8     in April of 2010 or January of 2011 is irrelevant if  
9     that surcharge is not justified.

10                     The third docket, Case 09-0139, the  
11     proposed general increase in water and sewer rates.  
12     Illinois-American Water's indicated it is unable to  
13     lower its costs and must charge more than water  
14     utilities operated by municipalities. One  
15     Illinois-American Water witness testified the  
16     comparison of Illinois-American water rates to  
17     municipal water rates is, quote, meaningless,  
18     unquote. It is not meaningless to a customer who  
19     suffers financial hardship as a result of  
20     Illinois-American water costs or who loses a home  
21     sale after the perspective buyer reviews the water  
22     utility costs or who receives water of lesser quality



1 despite a common source, Lake Michigan.

2                   Compared to the Village of Mount  
3 Prospect Water Quality Report the Illinois-American  
4 Water Quality Report indicated detection levels that  
5 were 23 percent higher for combined radium,  
6 22 percent higher for nitrates or nitrites, and  
7 24 percent higher for sodium and positive for  
8 pathogenic bacteria of fecal origin, which was  
9 negative in the village report.

10                   As for its inability to lower costs,  
11 Illinois-American Water has not indicated that it has  
12 attempted to negotiate prices with water suppliers or  
13 other vendors, made meaningful reductions in  
14 personnel or taken similar steps that other  
15 organizations have taken to control costs in this  
16 economic climate. Why should it if the ICC just  
17 rubber stamps requests to increase rates?

18                   The proposed ICC order of  
19 February 22nd, 2010, would grant Illinois-American  
20 water a 28 -- a 28 percent increase.  
21 Illinois-American Water customers in Mount Prospect  
22 already pay twice the costs paid for water and sewer

1 service by their neighbors receiving water from the  
2 municipal system in Mount Prospect. We are  
3 struggling with unemployment or underemployment,  
4 increasing property taxes and healthcare premiums,  
5 and decreasing savings and home values. A 28 percent  
6 increase of any type could break household budgets  
7 and it is absolutely unconscionable in the midst of  
8 this deep recession.

9 We ask that the Illinois Commerce  
10 Commission fulfill its responsibility to assure  
11 reasonable and affordable rates. Please put people  
12 before profits. Issue orders denying approval of  
13 Illinois-American's annual reconciliation surcharges,  
14 proposed implementation of the QIP surcharge rider  
15 and proposed general increase in Illinois-American  
16 Water's water and sewer rates. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN FLORES: Thank you so much.

18 Next we have Robert Boros. Mr. Boros.

19 MR. ROBERT BOROS: My name's Robert Boros. I  
20 live at 1808 Azalea Lane in Mount Prospect. Been  
21 a -- been there for the last 23 years.

22 Last fall at the public hearing in

1 Springfield American Water declined to question all  
2 in -- those in positions to propose water rate  
3 increase. And they stated that we, the citizens,  
4 were irrelevant because we were not familiar with  
5 procedures required for ask -- for a rate increase.

6 Here's what I do understand: We, the  
7 consumers, are the spring from which the money flows.  
8 We are being squeezed by the lack of increases in  
9 salaries, unemployment, severe drops in the value of  
10 the homes and our investments since 2000. While our  
11 income and nest egg shrink, costs are raising double  
12 digits for basic services.

13 Profit requests for IAW are far beyond  
14 increases for cost of living. IAW increased at a  
15 cost of water in my community has risen by 30 percent  
16 since 2002 and now they want another 28 to  
17 30 percent.

18 What does IAW actually do? The water  
19 we receive is made drinkable not by IAW, but is  
20 indirectly supplied by the City of Wilmette. They  
21 sell it to Glenview who acts as a wholesaler selling  
22 it to IAW. Glenview charges \$11.90 basic fee plus

1 another \$2.23 per thousand gallon charge. IAW then  
2 charges us additional basic fee of 9.75 and a \$3.71  
3 per thousand dollar charge. Note, this is 61 percent  
4 higher than what Glenview charges us for the same  
5 water.

6 IAW charges, again, \$17.75 -- 55 cents  
7 for wastewater collection. Again, they do not treat  
8 the wastewater. They only pass it on to water rec.  
9 Water rec costs for treatment is on our tax bill.  
10 And this has actually dropped from an average of \$16  
11 to \$14 on my last tax bill. The only function is  
12 delivery and removal of water, yet there costs are  
13 higher than those who refine the water or remove the  
14 pollutants from our water.

15 In my March 2010 water bill, closely  
16 reflects the costs reflected in the Daily Herald  
17 article of March 17th, which indicated that the  
18 charges to the average household is approximately  
19 double, sometimes four times greater than all the  
20 surrounding communities. The rates structure for  
21 waters is also strangely different from other  
22 utilities and that's something from the ICC.

1           71 percent of my water bill is not based on  
2   usage, but it is based on fees. If one includes the  
3   water rec -- a cost that can increase to 94 percent  
4   of my bill. There's no hope of me conserving to a  
5   lower bill. What can I do? My rate is 94 percent in  
6   fees. In contrast, my electric bill is based mainly  
7   on usage and only 15 percent of the total being fees.  
8   My natural gas bill is similar to the electric bill.  
9   Commodity costs in kilowatts or therms, reflected in  
10   my natural gas and electric, are defined to two or  
11   three decimal points. Water usage rates increase in  
12   quantum leaps of thousand-gallon units. If I use no  
13   water, I'm charged the same if I use 1,000 gallons.  
14   If I use 1,001, my rate goes to the 2,000-gallon  
15   limit. On gas and electric I can control my amount  
16   of the bill by conserving. I cannot do that with  
17   water.

18                   In closing, we are the public being  
19   squeezed as I seen in a public hearing in Mount  
20   Prospect from many, beyond the breaking point.  
21   Municipalities -- or the people state that if they  
22   knew the water costs in our community were that high,

1     they would have chosen somewhere else to live. And  
2     that has caught the eye of our municipality.

3                     ICC is the protector of the consumer.  
4     I know companies must make a profit, but 60 percent  
5     increase in these times seems a bit excessive. These  
6     types of increase will destroy the source of all of  
7     revenue if you don't make reasonable decisions. You  
8     will need to step up and deny or at least drastically  
9     reduce the proposed rate increase.

10                    Thank you for allowing me to voice my  
11     opinion at this hearing.

12                    CHAIRMAN FLORES: Thank you, Mr. Boros.

13                    Next we have Karen Behr.

14                    MS. KAREN BEHR: Behr.

15                    CHAIRMAN FLORES: Sorry, Miss Behr. Good  
16     morning.

17                    MS. KAREN BEHR: I'm also a resident of Mount  
18     Prospect, and I thank you for your time and  
19     attention.

20                    The proposed ICC order of  
21     February 22nd, 2010, would grant Illinois-America  
22     Water a 28 percent increase. Where will this

1 additional revenue go? According to the March 1st,  
2 2010 Fourth Quarter 2009 Report of American Water,  
3 Illinois-American Water's parent company, the  
4 long-term objectives includes sustaining a dividend  
5 payout ratio in the 50 to 70 percent range of net  
6 income. The report indicates that for 2009 operating  
7 revenues were up 4.4 percent and earnings per share  
8 increased over 13 percent despite wet weather and a  
9 poor economy. While the Dow Jones and S&P 500 were  
10 down 34 percent, American-Water was up 3 1/2 percent.

11 And how did they do this? By filing  
12 rate cases. The report explicitly refers to rate  
13 cases as a means of, quote, executing our strategy,  
14 unquote. The report states, Increases were primarily  
15 a result of recognition of prudent investments  
16 through rate awards. It doesn't sound like those  
17 rate awards were used to support infrastructure  
18 improvements.

19 Indeed, while the report references  
20 American Water's commitment to the investor, there's  
21 no mention of commitment to the customer. The report  
22 indicated that net cash provided by operating

1 activities increased 8 percent and 2009 cash flow  
2 from operating activity increased by more than  
3 15 percent. Meanwhile, the operating expenses  
4 actually decreased by 10 percent. So business grew  
5 and dividends paid to shareholders increased by 5  
6 percent. Yet IAW cries poor and the ICC listens.

7                   It appears that the ICC has become a  
8 rubber stamp for Illinois-American Water approving  
9 tariffs and other charges without requiring adequate  
10 justification and with complete disregard for the  
11 concerns and hardships of the people of the State of  
12 Illinois who've appeared in great numbers in public  
13 forums and otherwise voiced their concerns to the  
14 ICC.

15                   Last week it was reported that  
16 Illinois unemployment is now in excess of 11 percent.  
17 Social Security beneficiaries will receive no cost of  
18 living increase this year. Those on fixed incomes  
19 who are lucky enough to have some savings earn a rate  
20 of returns less than 1 percent that FDIC insured  
21 institution, yet the ICC has issued a proposed order  
22 that would guarantee IAW a rate of return of nearly



1 11 percent. Why such a hefty return when IAW takes  
2 no risk? The consumers carry all the risk because  
3 IAW has a complete monopoly in the areas where it  
4 controls water delivery. Yet the ICC orders IAW  
5 customers to absorb a 28 percent increase in the cost  
6 of this basic necessity, water.

7 We ask the Illinois Commerce  
8 Commission to fulfill its responsibility to ensure  
9 reasonable and affordable rates. To grant a rate  
10 hike now would ignore the hardships faced by Illinois  
11 residents and would be a failure of the ICC to act  
12 responsibly. Please put people before profits.  
13 Issue orders denying the approval for IAW's annual  
14 reconciliation surcharges, proposed implementation of  
15 IAW's QIP and proposed general increase in IAW's  
16 water and sewer rates. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN FLORES: Thank you, Miss Behr.

18 Those are all the speakers that we  
19 have scheduled for this morning. Thank you so much  
20 for your participation and coming before the ICC this  
21 morning.

22 Turning now to our scheduled agenda,

1     our first item is approval of minutes from the  
2     February 22nd, 2010 special open meeting. I  
3     understand that there are no amendments.

4                     Is there a motion to approve the  
5     minutes?

6             COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: So moved.

7             CHAIRMAN FLORES: Is there a second?

8             COMMISSIONER FORD: It's been moved and  
9     seconded.

10                    All in favor say "aye."

11                             (Chorus of ayes.)

12             CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any opposed?

13                             (No response.)

14             CHAIRMAN FLORES: The vote is 5-0. The minutes  
15     are approved.

16                    Item No. 2 is Docket 07-0568, Central  
17     Illinois Company d/b/a American -- excuse me --  
18     AmerenCILCO seeks entry of an order approving  
19     reconciliation of revenues collected under gas  
20     adjustment charges with actual costs prudently  
21     incurred. Staff recommends entering the Order  
22     approving reconciliation.

1                   Is there a motion to enter the Order  
2   approving reconciliation?

3           COMMISSIONER FORD:   So moved.

4           CHAIRMAN FLORES:   Is there a second?

5           COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ:   Second.

6           CHAIRMAN FLORES:   It's been moved and seconded.

7                   All in favor say "aye."

8                               (Chorus of ayes.)

9           CHAIRMAN FLORES:   Any opposed?

10                              (No response.)

11           CHAIRMAN FLORES:   The vote is 5-0.   The Order  
12   is entered.

13                   We will use this 5-0 vote for the  
14   remainder of the agenda unless otherwise noted.

15                   Item No. 3 is Docket 07-0569, Central  
16   Illinois Public Service Company d/b/a AmerenCIPS,  
17   seeks entry of an order approving reconciliation of  
18   revenues collected under gas adjustment charges with  
19   actual costs prudently incurred.   Staff recommends  
20   entering the Order approving reconciliation.

21                   Is there any discussion?

22                              (No response.)

1           CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?

2                           (No response.)

3           CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the Order is

4 entered.

5                           Items 4 and 5 will be held.

6                           Item No. 6 is Docket 10-0172, North

7 Shore Gas Company has requested special permission in

8 order to retain the availability of the residential

9 rebate programs under Rider EEP, Enhanced Efficiency

10 Program, by revising its Rider EEP on less than the

11 required notice. Staff recommends the Commission

12 allow the Company's proposal by granting the

13 Company's request for special permission.

14                           Is there any discussion?

15                           (No response.)

16           CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?

17                           (No response.)

18           CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the request for

19 special permission is granted.

20                           Item 7 is Docket 09-0251,

21 Illinois-American Water company filed a petition

22 seeking entry of an order approving Qualifying

1     Infrastructure Plan, otherwise known as QIP Surcharge  
2     Riders.

3                     The QIP Surcharge Rider would allow  
4     the Company to recover from customers subject to an  
5     annual reconciliation process the costs associated  
6     with qualifying the projects. The Commission held  
7     oral argument on this docket on February 23rd, 2010.

8                     Is there any discussion on this  
9     matter?

10            COMMISSIONER COLGAN: Mr. Chairman.

11            CHAIRMAN FLORES: Yes, Commissioner Colgan.

12            COMMISSIONER COLGAN: I am going to support  
13     this request because I believe the request has met  
14     the basic legal standard.

15                     However, this case is troubling to me.  
16     The fact that the rider will only be in effect for  
17     one month seems to be an insignificant basis to have  
18     put this Commission and the various parties through a  
19     one-year debate on this issue. And also the Company  
20     currently has a rate case pending before the  
21     Commission and that rate case gives us the same  
22     future test year as the QIP request. And this

1 creates questionable and confusing problems in my  
2 mind.

3 In my opinion, this opens the door for  
4 great confusion on the part of the customers of the  
5 Company. And in combination with the argument that  
6 this QIP would only be in effect for a one-month  
7 period, granting the QIP is questionably not in the  
8 public interest. And as a result, even though I'm  
9 going to vote because I think it's met the legal  
10 standard, I would like to request that the Company  
11 not implement this QIP.

12 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Mr. Chairman?

13 CHAIRMAN FLORES: Yes, Commissioner.

14 COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: I would echo  
15 Commissioner Colgan's concerns. I think that the  
16 back-to-back nature of these cases has created this  
17 one-month application of this QIP, which I think  
18 really sends the wrong signals to customers and can  
19 add to confusion rather than clarify things.

20 It would be my recommendation to the  
21 Company that they voluntarily table the application  
22 of this until 2011. But I, too, will support the

1     order that stands, but would strongly recommend that  
2     the Company consider that that request --

3             CHAIRMAN FLORES:   And you're referring to the  
4     QIP; correct?

5             COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT:   Yes.

6             CHAIRMAN FLORES:   -- implementation, so the  
7     record is clear.

8                     Any further discussion?

9             COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ:   I would echo the  
10    concerns that were expressed by Commissioner Colgan.  
11    I think the Commission is in a tough position because  
12    the legal sufficiency has been met here, as pointed  
13    out by Commissioner Colgan.   From the standpoint of  
14    future matters that this Company will have before the  
15    Commission, I think they hopefully have someone  
16    listening to this discussion and understand the  
17    comments that are being made by the Commissioners to  
18    getting us into this situation.   And I would think  
19    that would be constructive for them to react to the  
20    comments that we've made here today.

21                     So, again, we do have a statute here  
22    that provides for this.   So the Commission, I

1 think we've -- are judges have -- not rubber-stamped  
2 this, but we must abide by what the legislative  
3 mandate is with regard to this issue and that's kind  
4 of where we are. So... So, I do -- I share the  
5 concerns cited by Commissioner Colgan and  
6 Commissioner Elliott.

7 COMMISSIONER FORD: I certainly concur with all  
8 of this. But, once again, it's something  
9 Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz said, this was given to  
10 us by our legisl- -- by our state legislature, and we  
11 are simply following the law.

12 CHAIRMAN FLORES: I would also like to  
13 reiterate that there was an -- Staff analyzed this  
14 matter not only relying on the statute -- which I  
15 might add, also explicitly provides for this type of  
16 rider with the QIP, unlike other riders -- but that  
17 in addition to the legislative analysis, that there  
18 was also a reference to the rules that had been set  
19 forth by this Commission in analyzing such QIP  
20 requests and that there was an exhaustive analysis.

21 That being said, in oral argument it  
22 was very apparent by the questions and the queries



1     made by the Commissioners, and obviously as a stated  
2     here today, that there is a deep concern by this  
3     Commission with regards to the potential for  
4     confusion -- customer confusion, and also in that  
5     vein, ensuring that customers understand and -- what  
6     they are being charged for and that they have that  
7     right and that that right should be preserved and  
8     protected.

9                     I also stand with the other  
10    Commissioners in making their recommendation that the  
11    Company table its application until 2011 given that  
12    there is also a pending rate case in which, as  
13    Commissioner Colgan has already indicated, we're  
14    using the same test year.

15                    So to the extent that this Commission  
16    is bound by the rules that -- and the laws that it  
17    must adhere to, it is exercising its rightful  
18    discretion in making this recommendation, strong  
19    recommendation to the Company that it address the  
20    public policy concern that we share and that we are  
21    strongly expressing today, and recommend that  
22    implementation be delayed until 2011.

1                   Is there any further discussion on  
2   this matter?

3                               (No response.)

4           CHAIRMAN FLORES:   That being said, I believe  
5   that everyone is in accord with the recommendation  
6   made by Staff and that there are five votes in  
7   support of order of -- of granting the Order, again,  
8   with the caveat that we have this -- made this  
9   recommendation to the Company to table the  
10   application until 2011.

11                   But let the record reflect that the  
12   Order is granted.

13                   Item 8 is Docket 09-0319.   The Village  
14   of Homer Glen, St. Joseph and Savoy, and the City of  
15   Champaign and Urbana as well as the People of the  
16   State of Illinois request oral argument pursuant to  
17   Title 83, Section 200.850 of the Illinois  
18   Administrative Code.

19                   The Commission is prepared to schedule  
20   oral argument for Tuesday, March 23rd at 1:00 p.m. at  
21   the Commission's offices in Springfield.

22                   Is there any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any objections?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN FLORES: Hearing none, the request is

5 approved and notice will be sent to the parties.

6 Judge Wallace, are there any other

7 matters to come before the Commission, sir?

8 JUDGE WALLACE: No, sir. Other than on the

9 oral argument, do you have a list of the issues yet?

10 CHAIRMAN FLORES: Your Honor, I don't at this

11 time. What we will do, as is custom, our fine

12 assistants will be forwarding those matters to your

13 office in a time consistent with meeting the notice

14 requirements.

15 JUDGE WALLACE: Okay. What we will do, as

16 normal, is go ahead and send out the notice of oral

17 argument followed up by the other details then.

18 CHAIRMAN FLORES: Very well. Thank you.

19 Very well. That being said, are there

20 any other matters, Judge?

21 JUDGE WALLACE: No, sir.

22 CHAIRMAN FLORES: Okay. Hearing none, this

1 meeting then stands adjourned. Commissioners, thank  
2 you very much. Hope you guys have a great day. See  
3 you soon.

4 (Whereupon, the meeting was  
5 adjourned.)

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